

# DIANNA R. WENTZELL

## INTERIM COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

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Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell has been an educator in Connecticut for over 25 years. She was appointed Interim Commissioner of Education in January 2015. Dr. Wentzell began her career in education teaching social studies and directing programs for gifted students. Before her appointment as Interim Commissioner of Education, she served as the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) chief academic officer. Before joining the Department, Dr. Wentzell served as assistant superintendent of schools in Hartford. Prior to that role, she served in district leadership positions with a focus on curriculum, instruction, and assessment in both South Windsor and in the Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) magnet schools.

Dr. Wentzell has a bachelor's degree in Russian studies from Mount Holyoke College, a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Massachusetts–Amherst, and a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Hartford.

